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LAW REFORM. - THE PROBATE COURTS.

From time to time a demand for law reform is made. In response thereto amendments are made, which so far as the working is concerned promises to remedy, in some measure at least, the evils complained of, but the tendency in the practical applicat- of horses, cows, hogs, deer and even ion of our laws is to increase the expenses of officers of the cour's and thos who practice in them. The result is that we find that in these matters we are going backward instead of formards. The incentive of those practicing in our courts and so far as relates to Pre bate Court those administering th law, is money, and it would be strang if those who have practiced for years with that object in view, when they come to administer the law should not feel a great sympathy with these struggling brethren of the bar, and where possible give them good round fees.

The court that presents at the presen time the most terror to the people is the Probate Court. It is a common saying that many are afraid to die for fear the property they leave will be wasted in that court, and every means is resorted to in order to "fix" property so that there will be no need of a resort to the Probate Court. Nor are these fears altogether unfounded, although recent amendments have in some measure remedied the most glaring evils. It is but a few years since a dozen proctors on the passing of accounts in the Probate Court each re presenting a credit for the amount of a very small sum-say \$3 or \$4-could come into court and sit down for an hour or so, without saying a word and be taxed from \$10 to \$20 each for their services out of the estate. It is not unusual in other counties for proctor to be allowed bills of \$50 for a single and will in all probability prove food day's service. But this is an abuse of the law, and is just such an abuse a leads to reformation, and which making a call now for the abolition or reform of the court.

the question, nor would the hitching of it on to some other court mend matters, in fact might make it worse The power to control the estates of deceased persons, and ensure the distribution thereof, according to the will their bodies or finding them alive. of deceased or the law, is a necessity, and a Probate Court in each county for that purpose which can be resorted improved upon. What is demanded is greater cheapness and provisions by which it will become impossible to His Wife is an Astor, And He Wants defeat proceedings by legal or technic-

al quibbles. The government introduced a bill into the House of Assembly last session ton has instituded proceedings to sewhich is an improvement on the prebate it was laid over. The provision liam Astor, of the family of which in it paying the officers of the court by John Jacob Astor was the founder. salary instead of by fees, and taking Mr. Drayton seeks a legal separation from each having business in the court a small sum payable into the fund out Alsop Borrow is named as co-respondof which, the salary is paid is right. But the place where the greatest ex- Court of Chancery of the State of New tortion is practised is left open. The Jersey, the first papers being filed at proctor can still be taxed almost Trenton, on June 57. On July 23, a limitless bills; it may be all right summons was issued for Mrs. Drayton where the judge has a conscience and notifying her that the case would be an iron hand, but a judgeship, a con- heard on August 6, and she acknowlscience and an iron hand are not al- edged service on July 24, shortly before ways to be found centered in the one her departure for Europe, where it was person, one or other of the latter is announced she would be entertained often wanting. While it is possible by her mother during the summer. for a man to go into the Probate Court and take exorbitant fees out of the given. The bill charges that at differestate the evil will remain; when it is rendered impossible to go so we and in this country, during the months may then look tor a reform. But the of January, February, March, April restraint must be by some drastic May, June, July, August and Septemenactment. While the costs in the contested business is higher than discretions with Hallett Alsop Borrow. should be, the great evil is in the contested business, and more than one there are four children of the marriage, ceased, has a right to appear by proctor | they have been since the separation. who is usually taxed his bill of costs | On August 6 neither party to the suit out of the estate. No costs should be was in court, the necessity having taxed out of the estate, except to the been avoided by the acknowledgement proctor of the estate, under any but of the subpœna. According to the the most exceptional circumstances, New Jersey law, Mrs. Drayton, has 30 and those circumstances restricted by days from the time when the writ is statute. Not only so, but parties appearing without cause and thereby putting estates to unnecessary costs should be obliged to make up the costs day no answer had been filed with the so incurred out of their own pockets, and to incur these payments in such case, be obliged to give a bond before being allowed to appear.

When our would be reformers of the Probate Court get the idea into their heads that the key to true reform lies is in keeping the army of proctors from getting costs out of the estate and put it into effect, we will then see a reform but not before. People are not going into the Probate Court and thus risk their estate being wasted in the way pointed out if they can possible avoid it. Almost every county can point to cases where large estates have gone to the legal profession in that way. To our legislators at Fredericton who will next winter wrestle with the problem of Probate Reform we ask them not to forget that the secret lies in the question of costs out Drayton's legal residency as Somerville, ihealth, which was added last January

The Minnesota Fire.

St. Paul, Minn., Sept., 7 .- Rat Portage advices state the forest fires along the Sault Rapids swept with fury or both sides of Rainey River.

Millions of feet of pine were destroy ed. All crops, buildings, horses and cattle are gone.

No loss of life occurred on the Amer ican side, but the fire is still raging Hannaford was safe at last reports Fort Francis had a narrow escape Twelve families at Grassy River road lost everything and are in want. Rain ey Lake City is safe.

Dr. Cowan, the coroner of Pine Cour ty, believes that the death list in this county will reach 700.

A serious problem for the survivors in this neighborhood is the deposit of the dead animals. The region about Hinckley is littered with the carcasses few moose. The terrible stench from them promises to breed pestilence among the few people left.

A Duluth despatch says, the refie commission is there. It will ascertain if there is any chance of the saw-mills being rebuilt in the burned districts. If not, it is planned to rebuild Hinck ley as a farming town and function the two roads. All the territory burned over is ready for the plough and i is the opinion of the commisssion that all heads of families can be giver farms of generous proportions. The St. Paul and Duluth Railroad represenoffered to give was further outlined that the wome

and children refuges who are here will be provided for in this city until 'the fathers can put up temporary buildings in the burned district. Lumber and materials for these buildings will be sent on at once. The State or individuals must provide funds for necessities of relief over winter and to ascertain the amount needed, a full and comete census will at once be taken. Single men will be urged and aided to seek work elsewhere, and an effort will be made to have the orphans adopted into worthy families. Those not so cared for will be maintained in State institutions. The commission will look over the situation at Hinck-

ley and other points. A Pokegama despatch says that courier brings a report there that the bodies of 23 Chippewa Indians, bucks. squaws and pappooses, lie upon the baked sands between there and Opstead a small settlement on the eastern shores of Lac Mille Lacs. They are scattered over ten miles of country for buzzards and wolves, as the country where they lie is too far from civilization for burial ceremonies. Indians left their reservation two months ago and built a hunting lodge along one of the forks of Shadridge The abolition of the court is out of creek. Chief Wascoutan was the big chief" of the party, and he perished

> with his followers. Rainey river advices state that large humber of settlers are still missing, and friends are searching the burning districts in hopes of securing

The worst is now over at Hinckley. Three or four persons were discovered in a cellar yesterday west of the town, to at any moment by the petitioner of but it is believed few additional bodies an interested party, cannot well be will be found anywhere in this vicinity.

DRAYTON WANTS DIVORCE.

a Release NEW YORK, Sept., 6.—The Times this morning says: James Coleman Draycure a divorce from his wife, Charlotte sent act in some respects, but after de- Augusta Drayton, a daughter of Wilupon the statutory grounds. Hallett ent. Action has been brought in the

Specific instances of infidelity are ent times and places, both in England ber, 1891, Mrs. Drayton committed in Mr. Drayton's complaint shows that half of the contested business is but to and asks that the care and control of the fact that any person, however re- these children be given unreservedly motely interested as a relative of de- to the complainant, in whose care made returnable, in which to file an answer to the charges made in the complainant's bill. This time expires to-morrow. Up to four o'clock yesterclerk of the court. If no answer is filed before to-morrow, the case will be sent to a master in Chancery, who will take the depositions of the parties to the suit and witnesses and make a re-

port to the Chancellor. If the usual proceedure is followed in this case, the hearing before the master in Chancery will take place at Somerville, N. J. some time within the next six weeks, provided that no answer is filed by Mrs. Drayton before to-morrow. If an answer is filed, a day will be set for the trial of the case in the Court of Chancery at Trenton, If the Master recommends the issuance of a decree, the Chancellor usually "advises" that ed on record and the case is settled. All the people most concerned in this action are away from New York. Mr.

LYMPH FOR DIPHTHERIA. Dr. Koch's New Remedy Considered

Infallible. NEW YORK, August 28.—The month ly meeting of the State Board of Health was dragging along in a dry and desultory fashion Friday morning at the Murray Hill Hotel, when the stat ment made by Dr. Cyrus Edson abou the diphtheria cure caused the dignifica chairman, Dr. F. O. Donohue, and the others to start with surprise an interest.

He announced that Dr. Herman M. Biggs, the bacteriologist and pathologist of the New York City Health Department, had just returned from Germany, where he had made at elaborate study of new lymph or ection for the cure of dipheria.

This lymph, or antitoxine, as called it, Dr. Edson said was Dr. Koch' latest and greatest discovery. Biggs considered it an infallible cu for diphtheria if applied within thirty six hours after infection. The princ ple was the same as that of the cele brated lymph which Dr. Koch dis covered for the cure of consumption. Dr. Edson defended the latter, which he said was all Dr. Koch had claimed for it ,though not what the public at

first ignorantly thought it to be. Dr. Edson said he had heard of th remedy some time ago. Rumors of it efficacy kept coming across until it was thought advisable to send Dr. Biggs to Berlin to investigate it. Dr. Biggs. he said, had spent a great deal of time in the laboratories there, studying the

Whatever doubts Dr. Biggs had irst were dissipated by his observa tions. He had seen Professor Virchow and other famous German scientists who had investigated the remedy and had come to the same conclusion 3000 and 4000 well-attested cases in which diphtheria had been cured this new antitoxine. Such proof as that could not be disputed, and Dr. Biggs returned to America enthusiastic over the new Koch discovery.

Dr. Edson would not then go into an explanation of the antitoxine, except to say that it was an injection of the blood of animals which killed whatever poison germs of diphtheria were in the system. He said he was not prepared yet to give all the details He was so satisfied of the efficacy of the lymph, however, that he intended to ask from the Board of Estimate and Apportionment an appropriation of \$33,000 for the establishment of an experimental station for the manafacture and use of the antitoxine as soon as all the necessary arrangements could be made. That showed what great faith he had in the remedy. He fel sure that if it were placed in the hands of the Health Department it would save next year the lives of at least 4500 people in this city.

This was, not a speech, but a kind o nformal talk from Dr. Edson as they were all sitting around a small table in a parlor at the hotel. When he finished there was a buzz of excited comment from the other doctors.

"I am afraid it will be like the Koch cure for consumption," said one "It may look like a grand thing at first and then simmer down to very little. Certainly if it is al that is claimed for it, it is a magnifi-

cent discovery. "Dr. Koch did discover a consump tion cure," said Dr. Edson, "and it what Dr. Koch represented it to If the complaint is pure tuberculosis, not allied with any other disease, i will cure it. I know of cases in my own experience. The diphtheria cure is doubtless on the same principle."

Dr. Biggs went down to the Bmeau of Bacteriology, No. 42 Bleecker street, yesterday, and met by invitation, a number of physicians of this city. He talked diphtheria and the new diphtheria cureto them. He gave the results of nine months' experiments in Berlin. Cultures of the diphtheria bacillus were shown and miscropic experiments

Second Fleet of Japan.

A despatch to the Times from Che Foo says: "The Japanese fleet is assembled in Dautilus harbor, in southern Corea. The entrance is guarded by tropedoes.

The Chinese fleet is moving between the gulf of Pe-Chi-Li ports. Hostile armies in the vicinity of Ping Yang are apparently quiescent."

The Chinese having claimed control over the Japanese residence in China asserting that Japan claims control over the Chinese residence in Japan the American consul, acting under instructions from Washington, only to intervene with friendly offices, yesterday delivered to the Taotai, outside the settlement limits, two Japanese who were recently arrested, accused of being spies, and who have been under the protection of the United States. The Chinese authorities pledged themselves not to torture the prisoners and

to give them a fair trial. The officials of the Chinese legation here discredit the Tien-Tsin despatch, which states that Gen. Yeh and 700 Chinese officers have been rewarded At present the business shows a sur for the victory of the Chinese over the plus of \$547.23. Japanese at Ping-Yang. They assert that if 700 officers directed the operations at Ping-Yang, the total torce engaged must have been at least 50,000 men, instead of 12,000, as reported

originally. The British Government has inform ed the Government of Japan that the Japanese gunboat Tatsuta must be detained at Aden under the Foreign Enlistment Act until the war between China and Japan is over.

The Czar's Illness.

A despatch to the Daily News from Vienna states that a letter received in that city, from St. Petersburg, says it be issued. The decree is then enter- that the Czar's present illness excites public attention as much as did his illness seven months ago, when a catastrophe was expected. His Majesty Drayton is at Bar Harbor, Me., with usually, strongly objects to medical his children. Those of his friends who treatment, but he is now accompanied were seen last night declined to talk by Dr. Zaccharin. The liturgy rea about the affair. Mrs. Drayton is still in the church on Snndays now conin Europe. The petition cites Mr. tains a passage referring to the Czar's when he was ill.

STATISTICS OF METHODISM of \$24,027. Parsonage furniture is FOR THE QUADRENNIUM.

Motion Given Notice Of in Connection With the Epworth League That Will Probably Make Things Lively in Debate.

London, Ont., Sept. 7.—The Metho list Quadrennial Conference resumed ousiness to-day after having had suc cessful opening meetings yesterday. At the conclusion of Superintenden Carman's address, a heavy vote.

thanks was yesterday moved by Mayo Kennedy, of Toronto, and carried. T. G. Williams, W. J. Hunter. Dr Lavell and Judge Deacon were ar pointed to represent Montreal on the

ominating committee. The various working committees were detailed, and one was assigned t handle the subject of "Temperance and

Some delegates protested agains including tobacco, and a poll manded, resulting in a tie. 83 On the casting vote of Dr. Carman tobacco was expended. Rev. Dr. Car man, amid laughter, ruled himself out of order in voting on the tobacco question. He said he had no right to vote in conference. The matter will

Rev. Dr. Potts, of Toronto, read the report of the General Secretary of Education and the financial statements of Victoria College and the Educational Society. Victoria College has cost \$222,000, the amount available for the purposes of endowment was \$289,354. 44. He hoped during the present quadrennium to see the endowment raised to a million. The Educational Society's income from every part of Dominion was for 1891, \$19,555.56; 1892, \$20,239.27; 1893, \$18,029.71; 1894, \$19,468. Of the monies available for colleges, the Montreal Wesleyan Theological College received 18 per cent. and Victoria College 50 per cent. The report was referred to the Educational Committee.

The superannuation report shows an invested fund of \$206,038,83, an increase in four years of \$29,535.07. The paid claims in 1894 were \$85,664.41,an increase of \$8,120.41 over 1890. The total increase of receipts from all sources since 1890 was \$9,381.79. There are 204 ministers, 151 ministers, widows and 82 orphans receiving support. This report was considered

highly satisfactory. The evening session opened at 7.30 and adjourned at 10. It was largely taken up with the reception of memorials. The most important was that presented by Rev. M. A. McDiarmid, from the Bay of Quinte Conference, advocating the extension of pastoral itinerancy from three to five years. Rev. R. W. Clark objected to the fact, that this motion had been voted down at the Bay of Quinte Conference. The memorial, however, was accepted with the objection noted. Rev. H. G. Matthews offered a motion providing for three superintendents in future, one for missions, one for Education, and

the third for travelling. The following Montreal Conference delegates are registered: Ministers E. B. Ryckman, D. D.; T. G. Williams, D. D.; W. Jackson, D. D.; W. I. Shaw, L. L. D.; Thomas Griffith, P. H. D.; W J. Hunter, D. D.; A. Lee Holmes, M. A.; J. E. Mavely, W. H. Graham, Hugh Cairns, J. T. Pitcher, S. P. Rose, D. D.: W. Blair, M. A.; T. J. Mansell. Laymen-Judge Deacon, M. Lavel, M. D., A. Shaw, Israel England, D. McElroy, J. Trenaman, Asa Bond, Asa Gordon, C. P. England, John Hughes. G. F.

Of the 198 ministers and laymen who attended the first general conference of 1874, 53 are dead. Of these appointed to the present general conference there are only 28 who were at the first conference, and more than 30 of these now present have never attended any previous quadrennial conference. The delegates will be entertained to a tea by the London Methodist this evening.

A heavy rain was falling when the second day's proceedings of the Gene.al Conference commenced at 9.30 this

After devotional exercises Mr. D. Allison, L. L. D. Rev. G. S. Milligan, L. L. D., and Rev. Dr. McDonald were appointed to reply to the address of welcome this evening, in addition to the delegates already appointed.

Further memorials were received and referred to committees. A notice of motion of peculiar significance was

It relates to the Epworth League of Christian Endeavor, and in effect means that the society should simply be known as the "Epworth League." This is a direct slap at the Christian Endeavor character of the Society and will tend to make it exclusively

It was greeted with cries of "Oh, oh" and "No, no," and there will be a hot discussion when it finally comes up. Rev. S. F. Huestis presented the report of the eastern section of the Book Commitfee of the Methodist Church. Sales of books and perodicals have advanced from \$88,114.74 to \$94,113.29.

The committee strongly recommends the continuance of the credit of \$10 .-000, without interest, by the Toronto Book Room. The report was referred to the Book and Publishing Committee. The statistical compendial as pre-

sented showed a total membership, in cluding these on trial, to be 260, 953, an increase of 8772 for the year, and for the quadrennium of 27,085. The number of catechists not included in this number is 8093. The number of children baptised during the quadrennium was 64,321, an increase of 354; adults baptised 11,631, increase 324; total baltisms 75,960, increase 678.

The number solemnized was 30.313. increase 265. The churches now number 3211, increase 116. Number of parsonages, 1064, increase 91. The value of churches is \$11,272614, an increase of \$18,718.12, and the value of parsonages is \$15,476.53, an increase

valued at \$239,746, an increase of \$14. 445. The value of colleges is \$1,152,-636. an increase of \$663,614. The value of schools is \$162,000, an increase of \$62,711 and the value of book and publishing house \$342,196 or a grand total value of \$14,852,805, which is insured for \$6,251,092 and there is a debt of \$3,071,598, The net increase in the number of ministers for the year just closed is 69. Total of men on probation 453, and of ordained ministers 1543, a grand total of 1996. and an increase of 248. Since the last General Conference 112 have died, an increase of 35 over the preceeding quadrennium. Local preachers num ber 2295, an increase of 179, exhorters 1213, increase 187; male class leaders 5490, increase 292; femalè class leaders 1263, increase of 318; stewarts 8575 number last quadrennium not being reported). The contributions during the past year for connexional funds was \$3570.88, for the quadrennium \$13,877.17, an increase of \$88,843. Salaries paid during the past four years equalled \$36,020.56, an increase of \$830,115. Unpaid salaries reached \$254,093, or \$134,326 less than the deficiency of the previous quadrennium. Total raised by circuits and missions for connexional funds, circuit expenses, salaries' etc., was \$9,169,679, an increase of \$1,187,404. In connection

with the 17 annual conferences, there are 3251 schools, an increase of 574, officers and teachers 30,807, an increase of 2396; scholars 250,546, an increase of 26,496. Conversions during the past year numbered 12,873, an increase over the year 1890 3227. Scholars now church member, 59,453, an increase of Jewelry and Music Store 22,325. Scholars who have taken the

the statistical committee.-Mont. Star. A Smile.

total abstinence pledge number 76,129,

an increase of 26,710. Epworth

leagues number 1032, members of

same 47,127. The report was sent to

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New Brunswick, County

of Albert, ss. To the Sheriff of the County of Albert or to any Constable within the said County. Greeting-Whereas James W. Colpitts of L. S. Point De Bute, in the County of Copy Westmoreland, Farmer, Administrator of all and singular the goods, chattels and credit of William E. Colpitts of the Parish of Coverdale, in the County of Albert, Farmer, deceased has filed his final account in the said estate and prayed that the same may be passed and allowed in due form of the law. You are therefore required to cite the said Administrator, the heirs and next of kin of the said deceased and all others interested in the said Estate and they are hereby cited to be and appear before me at at a Court of Probate to be held in the office of the Registrar of Probates at Hopewell Cape in the said County of Albert on Saturday, the Twenty-eighth day of July next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon to attend the passing of the said account and show cause if any they have or know why the same shall not be finally allowed as prayed for. Given under my hand and the seal of the said Probate Court, at Hopewell, in the County of Albert the Twenty-Seventh day of June

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